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The U.S. Embassy in Nigeria applauds President Jonathan and General Buhari for their signing of a non-violence pledge, the “Abuja Accord,” by which they have publicly committed to refraining from advocating, fomenting, or condoning electoral violence. We encourage all candidates and political leaders across Nigeria to make similar pledges. We remain committed to working with Nigeria to strengthen its democratic institutions in the years to come. As part of that effort, we continue to support the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) in its crucial task of achieving transparent, credible, inclusive, and non-violent elections in February.

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